



President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Specialized Provincial Support Partners Learning from Examples

PEPFAR Partners' Meeting: Partner Alignment
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Integrating Food & Nutrition in Care & Treatment Programs



Background

- Situation Analysis
 - Limited implementation of nutrition programs
 - Integration of nutrition not seen as priority
 - Limited capacity to implement nutrition programs
- PEPFAR consultations Nutrition Directorate
- PEPFAR nutrition strategy
- PEPFAR partners' meeting
- Need for ongoing direction / TA
- Need for alignment with DOH (province)



Support Model

Two experienced nutrition partners:

AED / FHI 360

- Limpopo
- Northern Cape
- Western Cape
- Mpumalanga
- KZN

PATH

- Gauteng
- Eastern Cape
- North West
- Free State



Partner Roles / Responsibilities

- TA for provincial nutrition departments
 - Program planning, coordination
 - Inventory of nutrition stakeholders / activities
 - Provincial TWG on Nutrition / HIV
 - Provincial training plan and roll-out
 - M & E
- TA for PEPFAR partners / other stakeholders
 - Assist district support partners: district nutrition program
 - Assist implementing partners: integrated nutrition activities
 - Assist with work- and implementation plans
 - Training, capacity building, mentorship
 - M & E



Lessons learned

- Transition issues:
 - Geographical division, changes / adjustments
 - Investment in relationship-building with provinces
 - From implementation to TA / support
 - Taking on the 'support' role
- Collaboration at provincial level
 - Structured approach much appreciated by DOH (both national and provinces)
 - Joint activities started with all provinces
 - Provincial stakeholders meetings in 4 provinces
 - Work planning with specific implementing partners



The I ACT Program

Integrated Access to Care & Treatment



Background

- Situation Analysis
 - Strong focus on HCT, rapidly increasing HIV diagnosis
 - Issues around linkage and retention into care
 - Very high proportion 'Early LTFU' (30-50%?)
 - Limited services for newly diagnosed not eligible for ART
- Best practice – HLSGs, BCP, I ACT in EC province
- Nationwide scale-up
 - Collaboration with NDOH and other stakeholders
 - National I ACT working group
 - National TOT
 - Roll-out, one province at a time



Support Model

- Collaborative effort NDOH / RTC / PEPFAR
- One PEPFAR partner per province
 - Good track record in care, treatment & support
 - Good community-based / facility-based mix
 - Already actively working in the province
 - Strong working relationship with provincial DOH and RTC
 - Some funding allocation for I ACT
- Selected PEPFAR partners :
SA Partners (EC), NASTAD (FS, MP), CARE (LP), HPCA (GA, NW), FHI (NC), Zoe Life / Mc Cord (KZN), Living Hope (WC)



Roles / Responsibilities

- Participation in national process
 - Participate in national decision making
 - Carry forward / translate national decision making
 - Protect integrity of core I ACT program
- Advocacy for roll-out of BCP
- Integration of BCP into the provincial DOH plan
- Recruit 'implementer' partners / stakeholders
- Facilitate pool of trainers for province
- Organize provincial trainings for SGFs



Roles / Responsibilities

- Technical support for roll-out of BCP
 - Implementation model
 - Provide field experience
 - Mentoring / support visits
- Share / disseminate information as needed
- Host quarterly Working Group meeting
- Host annual stakeholders meeting
- Assist with M & E



Lessons Learned

- Big investment in relationship building / getting buy-in
- Transition / NOT business as usual
 - Tendency of ‘doing things’ vs providing assistance
 - Tendency of taking credit vs support role
 - More collaborative working relationships
 - With DOH
 - With PEPFAR ‘colleagues’
 - With PPLs
- Incremental roll-out of I ACT program
 - In 9 provinces, at different stages of implementation
 - Sense of ownership, sustainability
 - Multi-stakeholder program, real sense of scale-up



Lessons Learned

- Big variation among provinces
 - Allowable because different supporting partners
 - Challenging to keep program together
 - Contribute to both process and program
- Provincial support needs resources

